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HIGH STRENGTH PROXIMAL
SHAFT

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

Director for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Decision Dismissing Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a) mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 13, 2008.

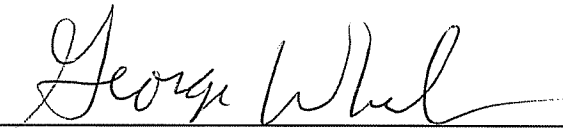
The Decision found the declaration of inventors filed on May 28, 1999, insufficient. To correct the insufficiencies, the Decision requires the Patent Owner to provide a new declaration signed by the two available inventors, leaving the signature block for the

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unavailable inventor blank, which is to be taken as an indication that the signing inventors are signing on behalf of themselves and the unavailable inventor.

The required declaration is being submitted in the form of two separate copies, respectively signed by the two available inventors, each leaving the signature block for the unavailable inventor blank. This is understood to comply with the requirement for a new declaration.

A Petition fee of \$200.00 is due. Please charge this fee and any other presently required fee, or credit any overpayment of fees, to McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Deposit Account No. 13-0017.


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